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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An ultrasonic diagnostic apparatus, comprising:  
a probe unit having a plurality of electroacoustic conversion devices; a main unit;  
and a cable that connects the probe unit to the main unit,  
wherein the probe unit comprises:  
an electroacoustic conversion unit including ~~electroacoustic conversion devices~~  
~~with M rows and N columns, in which~~ sub-arrays are arranged at least two-dimensionally  
with J rows and K columns, each of the sub-arrays including electroacoustic conversion  
devices with m rows and n columns, ~~where  $M = m \times J$ ,  $N = n \times K$ ;~~  
intra-group processors ~~with J rows and K columns provided~~ corresponding to the  
respective sub-arrays and performing beam-forming with respect to reception signals  
from the respective sub-arrays; and  
a selection unit that selects intra-group processors with j rows ( $j \leq J$ ) and k  
columns ( $k < K$ ) as a target from the intra-group processors with J rows and K columns  
and includes a switch that connects the selected intra-group processor to the cable, the  
selection being performed while shifting the selection target of the intra-group processors  
in a column direction.
2. (Original) The ultrasonic diagnostic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the  
selection unit selects intra-group processors with j rows and k columns as the target while  
shifting the selection target of the intra-group processors in a row direction.
3. (Previously Presented) The ultrasonic diagnostic apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein the selection unit comprises a reception switch that selectively connects a  
reception signal from the intra-group processors with a reception beam former.

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4. (Previously Presented) The ultrasonic diagnostic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the selection unit comprises a data switch that selectively supplies group focus data to the intra-group processors.
5. (Previously Presented) The ultrasonic diagnostic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the selection unit comprises a power supply switch that selectively supplies a group power supply to the intra-group processors.
6. (Previously Presented) The ultrasonic diagnostic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the selection unit comprises a clock switch that selectively supplies a clock signal to the intra-group processors.